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A Smelling Committee.

The Grand Jury seems to have converted itself into a sort of smelling committee whose business is to stick its nasal organ into places where it does not belong—prying into the principles and plans of opposing political organizations. It will probably get on the scent judging from some specimen witnesses who were brought over on the train from the direction of Meridian yesterday.

Double Tax for 1871.

The tax-gatherers have just finished the collecting of one tax—the most onerous and oppressive ever imposed on the people of the State. In a few weeks another collection will begin. This is Radicalism. Will you approve it by your votes.

Rev. C. G. Andrews.

It has been announced in THE CLARION that the Rev. C. G. Andrews, pastor of the Methodist congregation of this city, had been invited to accept the Presidency of Centenary College, Louisiana. The invitation is a merited tribute to this able minister, and has for its object his assignment to a duty for which he is highly qualified; but we did not intend to publish it without a protest in behalf of the community in which he is laboring in his appointed sphere of action with great acceptability, and marked success. Under his ministrations the membership of his church has largely increased. And the Sunday school, that hand-maid of religion, and efficient instrument for the dissemination of the most valuable truths which can be implanted in the youthful mind, has flourished beyond example in this community.

The pulpit and the press are the great agencies of knowledge. They are the centres from which radiate the influences that lead the mind up out of darkness into light. How important, then, that the opportunities which they afford for enlightening the public mind should not be trifled away; and that the really approved instruments of this great work should be left untrammelled in their calling. The assignment of Mr. Andrews to the position designated, would interfere with his labors in the pulpit. It would remove him from a post of duty where his gifts have been exercised with manifestly good results. We are sure that in uttering this earnest remonstrance against the proposed arrangement, we are expressing the will of this entire community, and especially of its immediate congregation.

Bring Out the Voters.

We observe that in DeSoto, Copiah, and Marshall counties committees have been appointed by the opposers of Radicalism whose duty it shall be to induce every man to register and vote and to provide transportation for persons who are not able to afford it.

We commend this example as worthy of imitation all over the State. It is demanded by the immensity of the results involved in the election. The Radical plunders within eighteen months have plunged the people into pecuniary embarrassments from which the best management for years will be required to extricate them. An enormous debt has been contracted. Taxes have been quintupled on a property valuation of not one-third what it was before the war. Another lease of power—an extension to the public plunderers of their license for two more years—and the people are utterly undone.

A little vigilance—a small outlay of time—by those most interested, will spare them the infliction of evils which may prove remediless if neglected.

WEIGHED AND FOUND WANTING.—The Leader has seen a horrible sight. It is a mysterious agent moving on the waters, threatening death to Radicalism in this State. If the Belahazars are terrified by this strange apparition, what will become of them when the people launch their thunderbolt through the ballot-box in November?

THE 14TH AMENDMENT.

No matter what effect the unwarranted application of the barbarous Bayonet Act was designed to have by the unscrupulous tyrants and plunderers of our people, it has been worse than a stroke of lightning to Radicalism in Winston, Newton and Neshoba. It has Ku-Kluxed it. It has killed it outright. There is scarcely a white or black man outside of the Plunder Ring in either county who has not sworn Radicalism forever.

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